APC SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

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ABOUT APC MAXIMIZING THE VALUE OF RESOURCES

- Family owned and based in Iowa, USA with 17 manufacturing facilities in 8 countries
- Blood is collected from beef or pork meat packing plants
- APC transforms the blood into spray dried plasma and red cells

WATCH THEM

- The nutrient dense ingredients are used in companion animal, food animal and crop production industries in 58 countries
- APC's ingredients help 8 million animals thrive every day through improved nutrition and health benefits and contribute to increased crop yields



SUSTAINABLE FROM THE START

- For 40+ years, APC has upcycled what was once a waste stream and environmental hazard
- Our team was resistant to formalizing sustainability efforts due to our internal bias – we are part of the <u>original</u> recycling industry





CUSTOMER DYNAMICS

- Pet food and aquaculture companies began with soft pressure for sustainability numbers and details
- Our position that the circular economy benefits of the rendering industry were no longer enough
- We were deformulated from a pet food product because our carbon footprint was too high



KEY TAKEAWAY

Pay attention to industry trends to avoid having customers provide a wakeup call.





CHANGING OUR THINKING

- Meeting nutrition and cost goals were no longer the only measures

 our ingredients were being measured on CO2
- This was no longer a theoretical threat – a real impact to our business was on the horizon
- We formed a sustainability task force to understand our actual position and plan for the future



KEY TAKEAWAY

Understand the customer need, market trends, and your own status





EVALUATING EXISTING DATA

- Values assigned to us by customers seemed incorrect
- We learned there are many data sources some good and some with dubious information
- Our EU blood association (EAPA) engaged a consulting group to review and successfully revise databases to be accurate for our products



KEY TAKEAWAY

Do the work to create LCA's for your products and that this data is accessible by customers



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APC'S JOURNEY

- Understanding customer desires for forward movement toward carbon neutrality
- Need for accurate LCA's for our own products
- Arming our sustainability task force with knowledge through education programs
- Analyzing GHG emissions in each manufacturing plant
- Setting goals for CO2 reductions



KEY TAKEAWAY

Sustainability is a journey that requires a dedicated team, time and help from external experts.





TELLING OUR STORY

- Our position has changed from defense to offense
- Developed our message to share with customers
- Sustainability is now a positive part of customer conversations



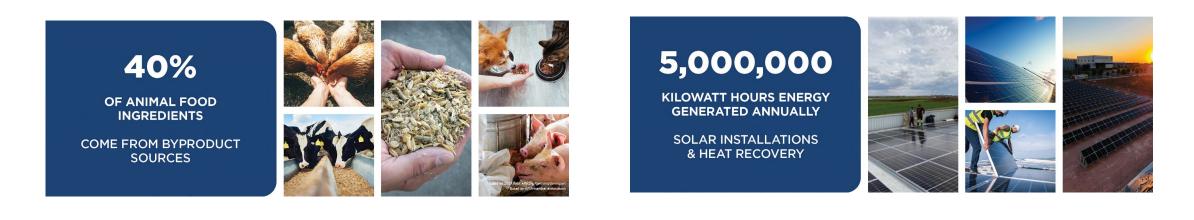
KEY TAKEAWAYS

Proactively shape your own destiny. Partner with others in your industry. Communicate progress with customers and internal stakeholders.





OUR SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS





LITERS OF WATER **RECYCLED ANNUALLY**

THROUGH CLEAN WATER TANKS & IRRIGATION



8,000,000

ANIMALS POSITIVELY IMPACTED DAILY

THROUGH IMPROVED **NUTRITION & HEALTH BENEFITS**











OUR STATUS: ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

- Upcycling raw materials for zero waste
- Helping animals thrive through better nutrition

while...

 Recycling water, utilizing waste heat, improving efficiency, and investing in alternative energy sources

...to actively work toward our carbon reduction goals















QUESTIONS

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